

Why how shall I requite you?

Can you eat Roots, and drinke cold water, no?

*Both.* What we can do,  
Wee'l do to do you seruice.

*Tim.* Y'are honest men,  
Y'haue heard that I haue Gold,  
I am sure you haue, speake truth, y'are honest men.

*Pain.* So it is said my Noble Lord, but therefore  
Came not my Friend, nor I.

*Timon.* Good honest men: Thou draw'st a counterfet  
Best in all Athens, th'art indeed the best,  
Thou counterfet'st most liuely.

*Pain.* So, so, my Lord.

*Tim.* Ene so fir as I say. And for thy fiction,  
Why thy Verse swels with stufte so fine and smooth,  
That thou art euen Naturall in thine Art.

But for all this (my honest Natur'd friends)  
I must needs say you haue a little fault,  
Marry 'tis not monstrous in you, neither wish I  
You take much paines to mend.

*Both.* Beseech your Honour

To make it knowne to vs.

*Tim.* You'l take it ill.

*Both.* Most thankfully, my Lord.

*Timon.* Will you indeed?

*Both.* Doubt it not worthy Lord.

*Tim.* There's neuer a one of you but trusts a Knaue,  
That mightily deceiues you.

*Both.* Do we, my Lord?

*Tim.* I, and you heare him cogge,  
See him dissemble,

Know his grosse patchery, loue him, feede him,  
Keepe in your bosome, yet remaine assur'd  
That he's a made-up Villaine.

*Pain.* I know none such, my Lord.

*Pain.* Nor I.

*Timon.* Looke you,

I loue you well, Ile giue you Gold

Rid me these Villaines from your companies;  
Hang them, or stab them, drowne them in a draught,  
Confound them by some course, and come to me,  
Ile giue you Gold enough.

*Both.* Name them my Lord, let's know them.

*Tim.* You that way, and you this:

But two in Company:

Each man a part, all single, and alone,

Yet an arch Villaine keepes him company:

If where thou art, two Villaines shall not be,

Come not neere him. If thou would'st not recide

But where one Villaine is, then him abandon.

Hence, packe, there's Gold, you came for Gold ye slaues:

You haue worke for me; there's payment, hence,

You are an Alcumist, make Gold of that:

Out Rascall dogges.

*Exeunt*

*Enter Steward, and two Senators.*

*Stew.* It is vaine that you would speake with *Timon*:  
For he is set so onely to himselfe,  
That nothing but himselfe, which looks like man,  
Is friendly with him.

*1. Sen.* Bring vs to his Cause.

It is our part and promise to th'Athenians  
To speake with *Timon*.

*2. Sen.* At all times alike

Men are not still the same: 'twas Time and Greefes

That fram'd him thus. Time with his fairer hand,  
Offering the Fortunes of his former dayes,  
The former man may make him: bring vs to him  
And chanc'd it as it may.

*Stew.* Heere is his Cause:

Peace and content be heere. Lord *Timon*, *Timon*,  
Looke out, and speake to Friends: Th'Athenians  
By two of their most reuerend Senate greet thee:  
Speake to them Noble *Timon*.

*Enter Timon out of his Cave.*

*Tim.* Thou Sunne that comforts burne,  
Speake and be hang'd:

For each true word, a blister, and each false  
Be as a Cantherizing to the root o'th'Tongue,  
Consuming it with speaking.

*1. Worthy Timon.*

*Tim.* Of none but such as you,  
And you of *Timon*.

*1. The Senators of Athens, greet thee Timon.*

*Tim.* I thanke them,

And would send them backe the plague,  
Could I but catch it for them.

*1. O forget*

What we are sorry for our selues in thee:

The Senators, with one consent of loue,  
Intreate thee backe to Athens, who haue thought  
On speciall Dignities, which vacante lye  
For thy best vie and wearing.

*2. They confesse*

Toward thee, forgetfulnesse too generall grosse;  
Which now the publike Body, which doth sildome  
Play there-canter, feeling in it selfe

A lacke of *Timons* ayde, hath since withall

Of it owne fall, restraining ayde to *Timon*,

And send forth vs, to make their sorrowed render,

Together, with a recompence more fruitfull

Then their offence can weigh downe by the Dramme,

I euen such heapes and summes of Loue and Wealth,

As shall to thee blot out, what wrongs were theirs,

And write in thee the figures of their loue,

Euer to read them thine.

*Tim.* You witch me in it;

Surprize me to the very brinke of teares;

Lend me a Fooles heart, and a womans eyes,

And Ile beweepe these comforts, worthy Senators.

*1. Therefore so please thee to returne with vs,*

And of our Athens, thine and ours to take

The Captainship, thou shalt be met with thanks,

Allowed with absolute power, and thy good name

Liue with Authoritie: so soone we shall drue backe

Of *Alcibiades* th'approaches wild,

Who like a Bore too sauage, doth root vp

His Countries peace.

*2. And shakes his threatening Sword*

Against the walle: of Athens.

*1. Therefore Timon.*

*Tim.* Well fir, I will: therefore I will fir thus:

If *Alcibiades* kill my Countrymen,

Let *Alcibiades* know this of *Timon*,

That *Timon* cares not. But if he sacke faire Athens,

And take our goodly aged men by'th Beards,

Giuing our holy Virgins to the staine

Of contumelious, beastly, mad-brain'd warre:

Then let him know, and tell him *Timon* speaks it,

*In*

In pittie of our aged, and our youth,

I cannot choofe but tell him that I care not,

And let him tak't at worst: For their Knives care not,

While you haue throats to answer. For my selfe,

There's not a whistle, in th'veruly Campe,

But I do prize it at my loue, be'ore

The reuerends Throat in Athens. So I leave you

To the protection of the prosperous Gods:

As Theeues to Keepers.

*Stew.* Stay not, all's in vaine.

*Tim.* Why I was writing of my Epitaph,

It will be seene to morrow: My long sicknesse

Of Health, and Liuing, now begins to mend,

And nothing brings me all things. Go, liue still,

Be *Alcibiades* your plague; you his, I guard I will

And last so long enough.

*1. We speake in vaine.*

*Tim.* But yet I loue my Country, and am not

One that reioyces in the common wacke,

As common brute doth put it.

*1. That's well spoke.*

*Tim.* Commend me to my louing Countrey-men.

*1. These words become your lippes as they passe thro-*

*row them.*

*2. And enter in our eares, like great Triumphers*

*In their applauding gates.*

*Tim.* Commend me to them,

And tell them, that to ease them of their greefes,

Their feares of Hostile strokes, their Aches losses,

Their pangs of Loue, with other incident throwes

That Natures fragile Vessell doth sustaine

In lifes vncertaine voyage, I will some kindnes do them,

Ile teach them to preuent wilde *Alcibiades* wrath.

*1. I like this well, he will returne againe.*

*Tim.* I haue a Tree which growes heere in my Close,

That mine owne vse inuities me to cut downe,

And shortly must I fell it. Tell my Friends,

Tell Athens, in the sequence of degree,

From high to low throughout, that who so please

To stop Affliction, let him take his haste;

Come hither ere my Tree hath felt the Axe,

And hang himselfe. I pray you do my greeting.

*Stew.* Trouble him no further, thus you still shall

Finde him.

*Tim.* Come not to me againe, but say to Athens,

*Timon* hath made his euerslasting Mansion

Vpon the Beached Verge of the salt Flood,

Who once a day with his embossed Froth

The turbulent Surge shall couer; thither come,

And let my graue-stone be your Oracle:

Lippes, let foure words go by, and Language end:

What is amisse, Plague and Infection mend:

Graues onely be mens workes, and Death their gaine;

Sunne, hide thy Beames, *Timon* hath done his Raigne.

*Exit Timon.*

*1. His discontents are vnremoueably coupled to Na-*

*ture.*

*2. Our hope in him is dead: let vs returne,*

*And straine what other meanes is left vnto vs*

*In our deere perill.*

*1. It requires swift foot.*

*Exeunt.*

*Enter two other Senators, with a Messenger.*

*1. Thou hast painfully discouer'd: are his Files*

*As full as thy report?*

*Mes.* I haue spoke the least.

Besides his expedition promises present approach.

*2. We stand much hazard, if they bring not Timon.*

*Mes.* I met a Currier, one mine ancient Friend,  
Whom though in generall part we were oppos'd,  
Yet our old loue made a particular force,  
And made vs speake like Friends. This man was riding  
From *Alcibiades* to *Timons* Cave,  
With Letters of intreaty, which imported  
His Fellowship i'th'cause against your City:  
In part for his sake moud.

*Enter the other Senators.*

*1. Heere come our Brothers.*

*2. No talke of Timon, nothing of him expect,*

The Enemies Drumme is heard, and fearefull sounding

Doth choake the ayre with dust: In, and prepare,

Ours is the fall I feare, our Foes the Snare.

*Enter a Souldier in the Words, seeking Timon.*

*Sol.* By all description this should be the place,

Whose heere? Speake ho: No answer? What is this?

*Timon* is dead, who hath out-stretcht his span,

Some Beast reade this; There do's not liue a Man,

Dead sure, and this his Graue, what's on this Tomb,

I cannot read: the Charrafter Ile take with wax,

Our Captaine hath in euery Figure skill;

An ag'd Interpreter, though young in dayes:

Before proud Athens hee's set downe by this,

Whose fall the marke of his Ambition is.

*Trumpets sound. Enter Alcibiades with his Powers before Athens.*

*Alc.* Sound to this Coward, and lasciuious Towne,  
Our terrible approach.

*Sounds a Parly.*

*The Senators appeare vpon the wals.*

Till now you haue gone on, and fill'd the time

With all Licentious measure, making your willes

The scope of lustice. Till now, my selfe and such

As slept within the shadow of your power

Haue wander'd with our trauerst Armes, and breath'd

Our sufferance vainly: Now the time is flush,

When crouching Marrow in the bearer strong

Cries (of it selfe) no more: Now breathlesse wrong,

Shall sit and pant in your great Chaires of ease,

And pursue Insolence shall breake his winde

With feare and horrid flight.

*1. Sen. Noble, and young;*

When thy first greefes were but a meere conceit,

Ere thou had'st power, or we had cause of feare,

We sent to thee, to giue thy rages Balme,

To wipe out our Ingratitude, with Loues

Above their quantitie.

*2. So did we wooe*

Transformed *Timon*, to our Citties loue

By humble Message, and by promist meanes:

We were not all vnkiade, nor all deserue

The common stroke of warre.

*1. These walles of ours,*

Were not erected by rheir hands, from whom

You haue recey'd your greefe: Nor are they such,

That these great Towres, Trophies, & Schools shold fall

For priuate faults in them.

*2. Nor are they liuing*

Who